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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:

EIJI HAYASHI

Application No.: 09/618,458

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For: PRINTING CONTROL APPARA-
TUS AND METHOD, AND
PRINTING SYSTEM

Examiner: M. Chau

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The Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Applications:

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(iii), a copy of the cited U.S. Application is enclosed.

FEE STATEMENT

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the mailing of a first Official Action on the merits of the application. Accordingly, Applicant submits herewith a check for \$180.00 for consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any overpayment or deficiency in payment to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

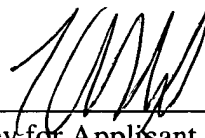
CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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